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Letter dated 15 August 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government and subsequent to the letter addressed to you by Mr. Mohammed Said al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, on 8 June 2000 concerning an attack on an Iraqi fishing boat by a patrol of the Kuwaiti regime inside Iraq's territorial waters (S/2000/570) and with reference also to the letter dated 19 June 2000 addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of Kuwait (S/2000/556), in which he denied the commission of such acts of aggression against Iraqi seamen by patrols of the Kuwaiti regime, I wish to enclose a videotape,* together with photographs, showing the effects of the attack on the Iraq seamen and the boat in which they were sailing and constituting material proof that armed patrols of the Kuwaiti regime are attacking Iraqi seamen inside Iraq's territorial waters.

I wish to deposit this evidence with you and to make it available to any States that wish to see it, as evidence of the Kuwaiti attacks. I also request you to intervene to prevent these infractions and acts of provocation carried out by the authorities of the Kuwaiti regime. We reaffirm that the Government of the Republic of Iraq reserves in full the inalienable right accorded to it by the Charter of the United Nations, the principles of international law and international conventions to take whatever measures are necessary to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity and, in accordance with the principle of international responsibility, to seek compensation for the material and other damage done to it by these acts of aggression.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(*Signed*) Saeed H. **Hasan**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

* The above-mentioned videotape together with photographs may be consulted at the Secretariat, United Nations and Specialized Agencies Collection, in Room L-260.

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